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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TETSUYA YANO, ET AL) : Examiner: J. Goldberg
Application No.: 09/819,667) : Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: March 29, 2001) :
For: NUCLEIC ACID FRAGMENT)
PRIMER OR PROBE, AND)
METHOD OF DETECTING)
POLYHYDROXYALKANOATE)
SYNTHEZISING)
MICROORGANISM BY)
USING THE SAME) : March 24, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2002 for two months from January 24,

2003 to March 24, 2003.

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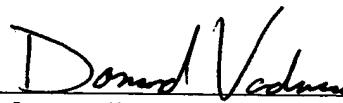
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